

# OLD TIMER MOURNS OLD DAYS ASY TO LOCATE GOOD FIGHT EAT DUGAN-NELSON BATTLE

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There is still a lot of big men left in the world," replied the driller to my statement, "ain't tough any more. It seems to be on the decline. In the old days to be a fighter is the same as being a king."

## IT WAS EASY TO FIND

Remember when any man in the field can get the fight of his life by merely talking too much?

In the old days the self-respecting man when in doubt as to whether or not he is being insulted, would believe that insulted he is and proceed accordingly.

Only the other day I see a man step up on a derrick and retreating crew seems to be getting pretty slow with the hole. The man of them took a punch in the old days he would get hit ten times in as many as one. The first wallop would have him off his feet and he would be off them until he would be responsible some hours later for his lease.

## THE REGULAR MEN

Give me a name you off twenty old days the old days that would ring with a wildcat, the champion heavyweight and the Dame football eleven, clean up and then look around at anybody knew where a fight would be.

Old fighting in the old days when two of these gentlemen together—which is as good as a payday.

Big Tim Dugan from Sweden and Nels Nelson from Sweden.

Two is the fastest friends two men can be. And then a leasehound, I think it is to the Drill Pipe saloon one starts talking offhand about the Swede army invades.

Nels and Tim is at once in this being a bit of history when two lads somehow has been hearing about.

## RELIVES HISTORIC BATTLE

The leasehound relates a interesting story of how the Swedes walloped the tar out of the Irish in the Battle of the Shannon.

"This a lie!" shouts Tim. "He bane tell trut," says the Swede, and while the leasehound seeks strategic position to watch developments, the battle starts.

"In my many travels around the world I see many a fight, but this here one is the most delightful it ever is my privilege to witness. Tim weighs about 235 bedside and the Swede tips the Fairbanks at about 242, minus clothes. A nice pair of lads for a rough and tumble fight.

"The battle starts in the saloon, crashes through the side of the building, proceeds through the town and sorta centers in the foothills four miles from the grog shop. Neither man retreats, you understand. The distance is made when one of them lads knocks the other a rod or so through space, and then follows up his punch with a rush for the next mix.

IT IS A LONG TILT  
"I watches the fray until morning when it is time to take my place on the rig. At night when the shift is over I comes back into the foothills and watches until sleep overcomes me. I drops down on a hillside and snoozes. In the morning they is still battling, having rested only three times to join hands in the disposition pronto of deputy sheriffs that tries to separate them.

"A pretty battle that one is. It proceeds for six days and six nights, with neither taking food nor drink, the longest period of time that either ever goes without his likker. "On the start of the seventh solar day, Tim speaks the first word either has uttered since the battle begins. "Wait a minute, Swede," he says, "I want to take me shirt off. I'm beginnin' to git warrum."

"The Swede steps back a couple of paces and Tim starts stripping off his shirt. "I sees my chance then. Stepping in between the two men, I says 'Boys, you both know me for a friend. It is a glorious little boxing match you two is having. I hope to see it continue. I only come to tell you that Hans Goebel over on Standard's Kleinschmidt No. 6 rig says he hopes neither of you gets killed because he is looking forward to licking you both some morning before breakfast."

DUGAN INTERESTED  
"Has he had his breakfast yet?"

asks Dugan. "No, he's only just got up," I replies. "Come on, Swede," says Dugan. "We have business elsewhere." "The Swede and the Irishman flops a coin to see which one would have the pleasure of tackling Kleinschmidt. Dugan wins. So Goebel loses, Dugan knocking him for a row of abandoned oil wells in one fell wallop to the point of the jaw. "Then Dugan and the Swede goes arm and arm into the Petroleum Bar and orders nose-paint."

tells them that the army wasn't Swedish but Norwegian and that the Irish killed them all as fast as they landed from their boats. "The Swede and Dugan then hunted up the leasehound and bought him a flock of drinks for giving them the opportunity to enjoy a fine private fight among themselves. "Them was the days."

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